



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer *Don Bland*
Austin Animal Services

DATE: November 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Public Report Dashboard – Animal Services Office

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the addition of a public dashboard for the Animal Services Office (ASO). Currently, ASO's data is only available on the City of Austin Data Portal. This new dashboard will provide the public easy access to performance and measurement data. Additionally, this new dashboard meets one of the requirements in City Ordinance No. 20191017-025.

The dashboard will be rolled out in phases and the initial phase will consist of the reports that are currently available. Staff is continuing to work in coordination with IT to fine tune the remaining data. You may preview the dashboard at this link: <https://www.austintexas.gov/austin-animal-center-dashboard>

Once the dashboard is complete it will include the following data:

- the number of animals impounded
- the number of animals euthanized, and for each, a description of the animal, including age, species and size, and the reason for euthanasia.
- the live-release rate, which must be calculated by dividing the number of animals released alive during the reporting period by the number of animals with final dispositions during the same period; animals released alive are impounded animals that were adopted, transferred to rescue organizations, reclaimed by owner, released, or stolen, and does not include animals in the shelter's foster system; animals with final dispositions are animals released alive and impounded animals that were euthanized, died in kennel or foster, missing, and does include animals euthanized by

owner request or court order, but does not include animals in the shelter's foster system;

- the number of animals adopted;
- the number of animals returned to owner after impoundment, and the number of animals returned to owner before impoundment;
- the number of animals placed into the shelter's foster program during the period, and the number of animals within the shelter's foster program on the date of reporting;
- the number of animals over four weeks of age that received vaccinations upon intake, and the number of animals over four weeks of age that did not receive vaccinations upon intake;
- the amount of money paid to third-party providers of services to the City-operated animal shelter for emergency medical treatment, spaying or neutering, or post-adoption care;
- the number of animals spayed or neutered at the shelter, and the number of animals spayed or neutered outside the shelter under a contract with the City of Austin; the number of animals that died in the shelter or within the shelter's foster program, and the suspected cause of death for each;
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- the number of animals transferred to a rescue organization, and unless a rescue organization opts out of the disclosure in writing,
- the number of animals transferred to and identity of each rescue organization that accepted transferred animals during the period;
- the number of spays performed on animals that are visibly pregnant;
- the number of animals lost, stolen, or missing; and
- the City-operated animal shelter's live-release-rate goal;
- the number of cats released under the animal shelter's shelter neuter-return program, reported by age group: under three months, three to six months, and older than six months; and
- the number of intact animals adopted or returned to owner, and an explanation for each

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Don Bland, 512-978-0521 or Don.Bland@austintexas.gov.

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